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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hiroshi IWATA et al.

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Application No.: 10/775,254

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Art Unit: 2827

For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE,
DISPLAY DEVICE, AND PORTABLE
ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

Examiner: T. Nguyen

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification mailed October 16, 2006, indicates that the above application includes two figures, Figures 30 and 31, that are not described in the specification. It is respectfully submitted that the present application contains only 29 drawing Figures, each of which is discussed in the specification.

The specification from a co-pending application, no 10/848,324, was submitted in this case for the examiner's information on September 9, 2004. This document appears in the image file wrapper for the above-captioned application under the headings "specification," "claims," "abstract" and "drawings." It appears that the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency is based on the drawings from this co-pending application (which includes 31 figures). While the first several figures of both applications are similar, all figures are not identical.

The copy of the co-pending application was submitted with a cover sheet clearly identifying it as such. No instructions were provided to use the drawings from the co-pending application. It is respectfully submitted that the drawings in the present case are all described in

the specification for the present case. It is therefore respectfully requested that the requirements in the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency be withdrawn and that the present application publish using drawing figures 1-29 filed with the application on February 11, 2004.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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